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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
ERNESTO E. BLANCO : GROUP ART UNIT: 3763
SERIAL NO: 10/092,560 :
FILED: March 8, 2002 : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH
PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP
GUARDS AND GAS JET
TISSUE DEFLECTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application,
without prejudice, and as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, please amend the paragraph at lines 6 to 23 as follows.

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The primary difference between a single blade and a double blade trocar is the number
of blades, which affect the resistance to penetration across the tissue. In the double blade
embodiment the opening cut is a cross, while in the single blade it is a line. As a result, the
dilation (i.e. degree of stretching of the tissue cut) is less in the case of a double blade cut
than in the single blade cut. Since there will always be dilation in any trocar portal, one must
review the advantages and disadvantages related to it. Highest dilation occurs when a smooth
pointed conical trocar is used since there is no cut and the dialation is total. Some surgeons
like that because it gives the best sealing and fixation about the portal with potentially

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

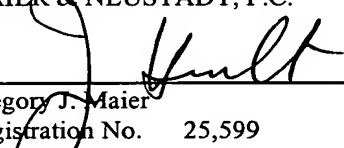
- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy; Letter Request Entry of Substitute Drawings W/Attachments (3); Information Disclosure/Related Case Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97; List of Related Cases (with claims/drawings)

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- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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